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1. HERewith FULL TEXT GEOFFREY GODSELL ARTICLE IN
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR DATED MAY 9, 1977, HEADED "YOUNG'S
S. AFRICA TRIP STILL ON."

2. CONTROVERSY MAY RUN DEEPER THAN PROTOCOL. SOUTH
AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ARE SAYING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS WON
THE ENCOUNTER WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
ANDREW YOUNG OVER HIS PLANNED VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA MAY 19-
20. ONE JOHANNESBURG PAPER CARRIED THE HEADLINE MAY 8:
'U.S. BACKS DOWN ON YOUNG.'

3. BUT EVERYTHING POINTS TO MR. YOUNG'S GOING AHEAD WITH
THE VISIT, NOW THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SATISFIED
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THE DEMANDS OF PROTOCOL AND OFFICIALLY APPROACHED THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT IT. WHAT HAD ORIGINALLY IRRITATED
SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ROELOF BOTHA WAS THAT
MR. YOUNG HAD NOT GONE THROUGH OR INFORMED OFFICIAL
CHANNELS ABOUT HIS ACCEPTING PRIVATE INVITATIONS FROM SOUTH
AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN AND WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY STU-
DENTS TO SPEAK TO THEM IN JOHANNESBURG. THE SITUATION WAS

MADE EVEN MORE DISTASTEFUL FOR WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS BY REPORTS THAT MR. YOUNG MIGHT ALSO MEET WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BLACK OPPOSITION LEADERS.

4. MR. YOUNG HAS IN EFFECT TURNED THE OTHER CHEEK TO ALL THIS. A SPOKESMAN OF HIS AT THE U.S. MISSION TO THE UN, TOM OFFENBURGER, SAID THE AMBASSADOR HAD NO OTHER ENGAGEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA THAN THOSE INVOLVED IN THE INVITATIONS. HE ADDED: "IF ANYBODY ELSE WANTS TO MEET WITH HIM, AND IF IT CAN BE WORKED OUT ON HIS SCHEDULE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE (SOUTH AFRICAN) GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO SO."

5. MR. YOUNG KNOWS THE DEEP EMOTIONS SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS HAVE STIRRED AMONG CRITICAL WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS. BUT HIS SPOKESMAN QUOTED HIM AS SAYING: "I AM INTERESTED IN DOING ANYTHING I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO ADVANCE NON-VIOLENT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. IF I CAN DO THAT BY TALKING TO ANYONE, BLACK OR WHITE, AT ANY TIME ANYWHERE, I'D BE HAPPY TO DO IT."

6. ONE MAN WHOM MR. YOUNG WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET IS SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER. MR. VORSTER WILL BE IN EUROPE FOR HIS PLANNED MEETING WITH U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE IN VIENNA. BUT KEY MEN IN SOUTH AFRICA'S RACE POLICIES WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE ARE INTERIOR MINISTER C. P. MULDER (WIDELY CONSIDERED MR. VORSTER'S HEIR-APPARENT) AND THE HARD-LINE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR BANTU DEVELOPMENT, ANDRIES TREUNICHT. WHETHER THEY WOULD WANT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO MEET MR. YOUNG REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

7. THE FUSS OVER MR. YOUNG'S SOUTH AFRICA VISIT HAS TENDED TO OVERSHADOW WHAT HE WILL BE DOING IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FLYING INTO JOHANNESBURG. HE WILL BE ATTENDING A CONFERENCE OPENING ON MAY 16 IN MAPUTO, CAPITAL OF NEIGHBORING MOZAMBIQUE, CALLED BY THE MORE VOCAL "ANTI-COLONIAL" MEMBERS OF THE UN TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA), AND SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. IN THE PAST, THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS HAVE STAYED AWAY FROM SUCH GATHERINGS, DESPITE THEIR UN UMBRELLA, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE TOO BIASED AND ONE-SIDED.

8. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING IS THUS SOMETHING NEW IN U.S. DIPLOMACY. AND WITH HIS GOING TO MAPUTO, THE BRITISH HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW SUIT BY SENDING TED ROWLANDS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON. THE U.S. AND BRITISH DELEGATIONS MAY WELL HAVE TO

LISTEN TO LIVELY ANTI-WESTERN ORATORY.

9. FROM THIS END OF THE SPECTRUM IN MAPUTO, WITH THE
LIKELIHOOD OF BLACK AFRICAN NATIONALISM AT ITS MOST STRI-
DENT, MR. YOUNG WILL BE MAKING HIMSELF AVAILABLE IN
JOHANNESBURG TO THE OPPOSITE END OF THE SPECTRUM, WHITE
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISM AT ITS MOST HARD-LINE. AND ALL
THIS ON THE SPOT, IN TROUBLED SOUTHERN AFRICA ITSELF, IN
THE SAME WEEK THAT, AWAY IN EUROPE, VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE
WILL BE HAVING HIS MEETING IN VIENNA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

10. THERE WILL BE MANY WHO CONCLUDE THAT MR. YOUNG REMAINS
IN THE FOREFRONT OF U.S. DIPLOMACY AND POLICY ON AFRICA
DESPITE PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT APRIL 15 THAT HE WAS
ASKING MR. MONDALE - NOT MR. YOUNG, AS SOME POINTED OUT -
"TO CONCENTRATE ON THE AFRICAN QUESTION." (END TEXT) CHRISTOPHER

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